Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS)

The Army Prepositioned Stocks (**APS**) program supports the National Military Strategy by prepositioning critical warfighting stocks in strategic locations worldwide to reduce deployment response times for an Expeditionary and Transforming Army. The relevance of APS to an “Army at War” was most recently demonstrated by major support to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Three brigades and supporting equipment were issued to 3rd Infantry Division. A total of 218 distinct unit sets was issued to units deployed in support of OIF. APS consists of prepositioned unit sets of equipment, operational projects, and sustainment stocks. It also includes War Reserve Stocks for Allies in Korea, Thailand, and Israel. Prior to OIF, the core of the program was 6 brigade sets--2 afloat and 4 ashore (one in Europe, one in Korea and two in SWA). APS remains a critical component of Army power projection.